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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

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CHIEF, FBIB



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I have just discussed with the Chief of the Editorial Division and the Chief of the Wire Service Section the performance to date of [redacted] who entered on duty with FBIB 29 December 1947 and who has been assigned as an editor to the Wire Service Section since that date. They report the following: [redacted] shows almost no aptitude for this type of work and it is believed that the possibility of his improving as time goes on is extremely remote.

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Attached hereto are two pieces of copy edited today by [redacted] I have blacked out in red the obvious mistakes that have been made in editing. The Chief of the Wire Service Section informs me that these two pieces of copy are two of the best pieces that [redacted] has edited to date. Obviously such errors as have been made even on these two pieces of copy, which indicate his best work, could not be put on an outgoing wire without careful checking by another editor. This places an unnecessary burden on the Chief of the Wire Service Section and other editors working therein.

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[redacted] also shows an extreme lack of ability to recognize the names of important places and people prominent in today's current events, a qualification which is very necessary in our work. To date an extreme effort requiring considerable time has been made to educate [redacted] in the strictly mechanical technique of editing. Without question, the Wire Service Section could be operated much more efficiently without his services.

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The Chief of the Wire Service Section informs me that he has trained approximately 35 or 40 inexperienced people during his five or six years' service with FBIB, and that he considers [redacted] to have the least ability of any that he has seen, with the possible exception of [redacted] who, as you know, is a paranoiac degenerate. The Chief of the Editorial Division informs me that of all the new people who have been employed by FBIB in the recent past, including those employed at grade CAF-5, [redacted] shows the least aptitude and potentiality.

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